

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

Call to order:

The Legislative & Judicial Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms by Chairman Chris Mayer with the following committee members present: Jim Behling, Charles Hayes, Gary Peske and Linda Thorpe. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Charles Rayala, Jr., Martha Milanowski, Janna Kahl, Joy Schmitz, Jason Hilger, Mike Bizek, Mert Jensen, Sue Drum, Ken Anderson and David Alleman.

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by L. Thorpe, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve the agenda, with the agenda order to be presented at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve April 8 and April 30, 2013 meeting minutes:

Motion by L. Thorpe, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve the April 8 and April 30, 2013 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Travel permission requests:

M. Milanowski requested permission to attend a conference held in Green Lake, WI on June 19th through June 21st, 2013. Expenses will include lodging, mileage and meals.

Motion by C. Hayes, 2nd by L. Thorpe to approve the travel request. All voted aye. Carried.

ATV route on CTH D, Lac du Flambeau – Ordinance to County Board:

C. Mayer explained the reasons behind the creation of this ordinance. He stated that this ordinance was needed for purposes of not only the approving the use of .7 miles of CTH D as an ATV route, but also for purposes of enacting enforcement and penalty provisions regulating ATV use. Citing section 26.01 of the ordinance language, C. Hayes feels that this committee has not exercised "due consideration" concerning the ramifications of ATV use. He reminded the committee of the 2004 resolution banning ATV use on county lands and roadways, and cited the results of the countywide referendum held that same year. J. Behling reminded the committee that this was first and foremost a Town of Lac du Flambeau (LdF) issue. He pointed out that this ordinance in no way rescinds the 2004 resolution; it simply ordains the use of .7 mile of CTH D, as requested by the Town of Lac du Flambeau. **Motion by J. Behling to approve the ATV ordinance and forward it on to the County Board for their consideration. The motion failed for lack of a second.** G. Peske asked if LdF held a referendum. C. Mayer replied that an advisory referendum was held in April. The question of ATV routes on town roads failed by only .03% - he described it as basically a split vote. The LdF Town Board has since approved the proposed ATV routes in LdF. He also pointed out that LdF is bordered by three counties in which ATV trails and routes are permitted. C. Hayes countered that he has received many letters from county residents opposed to ATV use in Vilas County. He feels that opposition to ATV use has not diminished since 2004. He also feels that the LdF issue became a county issue, due to the request to establish an ATV route on a county trunk highway. He added that approval of this route will only encourage the establishment of additional routes

in Vilas County. G. Peske stated that he was neutral regarding ATV use. However, he is not neutral to representing the people of Vilas County. He also has received a number of letters in opposition. He also pointed out that both the prior county and the recent LdF referendums on the ATV subject produced returns in opposition to ATV trails and routes. J. Behling countered that committee debate should be about the construction of the ordinance and not the subject matter. Approval of this proposed ATV route needs to go before the entire County Board. **Motion J. Behling, 2nd by L. Thorpe to approve the ATV ordinance and forward it on to the County Board for their consideration. Discussion.** C. Hayes stated that the committee needed to listen to the will of the electorate. C. Mayer stated that tourism is an integral part of the local economy and that ATV use would be an additional benefit. **3 voted aye. 2 voted no: C. Hayes and G. Peske. Carried.**

Department reports:

J. Schmitz presented an April expenditure guideline. She described her budget as being on track. Annual State child support program revenues remain forthcoming. She made the committee aware of pending State budget cuts affecting 2014 child support revenues. Cuts could total over \$8000, but some of the funding may be restored. About \$5,500 in 2014 Federal program revenues will be cut. She plans on reducing her 2014 budgeted expenses accordingly. C. Mayer recommended that J. Schmitz meet with the Finance Director to work out the budget issues. J. Schmitz also reported on a recent State Child Support Director's meeting. G. Peske asked about the recovery of child support arrearages. She replied that the rate of collections by her office surpassed 71%.

M. Milanowski provided an expenditure guideline for committee review. She described her budget as being on track. Her office continues to be very busy, with court cases requiring her attendance nearly doubling since March.

Request permission for VFW to place plaque on Veteran's Memorial:

M. Jensen, representing the local VFW post, asked permission to place a plaque on the county Veteran's Memorial, located on the courthouse campus. The plaque will commemorate the builder of the memorial monument. The VFW is providing the plaque and the installation at their expense. **Motion by C. Hayes, 2nd by L. Thorpe to approve placement of the commemorative plaque on the Veteran's Memorial. All voted aye. Carried.**

Committee restructuring:

As instructed, the Clerk provided an amended draft for a Public Works Committee, to be made up of the existing Highway and Public Property Committees. Citing the committee duties listed, C. Rayala expressed concerned that committee meetings will become inordinately long. C. Mayer replied that meeting length was at the discretion of each committee chair. Engaging in policy making instead of micro-management would shorten meetings. The Clerk added that initially, as committees developed policies, meetings may be longer. J. Behling stated that by researching other Wisconsin county websites, it is apparent by the posted committee minutes that other public work committee meetings run no longer, on average, than Vilas County committee meetings. G. Peske would like department head input with the committee restructuring process. The Clerk explained that committee restructuring and department consolidation were two separate issues.

Department heads need to be kept informed of restructuring efforts, but restructuring will not initially affect how department heads interact with their committees. Interaction with department heads may change after restructuring, if and when combined committees create new or different policies regarding how department heads are to report to their committees. J. Behling feels that restructuring is a legislative process. Department head input at this time would be premature. C. Hayes reported some Supervisors objecting to the County Clerk's involvement with the restructuring process, due to the fact that he holds an elected position. The Clerk responded that he was acting in his capacity as Administrative Coordinator and that he was doing as instructed by the Legislative & Judicial Committee. The Clerk also stated that he was more than willing to be removed from the restructuring process. The Finance Director presented the anticipated financial benefits of committee restructuring. C. Rayala is concerned about purchasing duties as outlined in the Public Works Committee draft. The Clerk responded that the draft language was taken directly from existing Standing Rules, and that a restructured committee was free to amend those rules as they saw fit. J. Behling wants to take this draft to the Public Property Committee for their input. C. Rayala will take the draft to the Highway Committee. The Legislative & Judicial Committee could then introduce a resolution creating a Public Works Committee at the June County Board. C. Mayer instructed the Clerk to prepare a draft of a committee, to be restructured by consolidating Land & Water, UW Extension and Economic Development committees. The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each committee are to be invited to the next Legislative & Judicial Committee meeting.

Letters and Communications:

Nothing presented.

Future meeting date:

The next regular meeting remains to be determined

Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:54 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David R. Alleman

Vilas County Clerk.

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to change and/or approval by the appropriate board or committee.